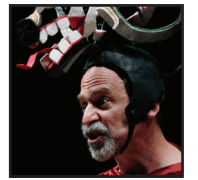


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Greenbelt Station High School Districting, an Uphill Battle

by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV

At a recent four cities meeting, the Greenbelt City Council struggled to convince Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Board of Education District 2 Representative Joshua Thomas why Greenbelt Station youth should be in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) district.

The teenagers of Greenbelt Station have been directed by the county to attend Parkdale High School, a school that few of their friends from other parts of Greenbelt will attend. The city has been pushing the county for months to redistrict the youth to ERHS to resolve that divide, but the county has so far been reluctant.

Why? Because, redistricting the youth would counter another recent initiative from Prince George’s County staff which is to eliminate the stigma that any one school is better or worse than another. When Councilmember Colin Byrd brought up the issue, Alsobrooks said that she is “nearly grief-stricken” about this sentiment of inequality. Citing one high school graduation she recently attended, she was saddened to find that one third of the class said they had no plans after school.

She continued in a lengthy reply, “We have to work to make sure that when you graduate

from a Prince George’s County public school, you don’t have a sense that if only you lived in a different area you would have a different education. That’s something that I am really concerned about.”

Not having heard of the situation in Greenbelt Station, she then said, “We will see about getting an answer to that.”

Councilmember Leta Mach offered to send more information on the situation in an email after the meeting, and Alsobrooks accepted that offer.

Thomas, who is himself an ERHS graduate, agreed with the county executive, saying that he is also trying to fight the stigma that, “Graduating from one school in the county, though that diploma might match a diploma you might receive at another school, the skills and the opportunities that that school might provide are going to vary. We think that this is not an equitable system, we know that it is not doing justice by our kids.”

Although neither formally refused to redistrict Greenbelt Station youth, both implied that to go through with a redistrict would conflict with the push for a more equal school system. The best Alsobrooks and Thomas could offer was that they would

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PHOTO BY EUGENE “JESSE” NASH IV

Circus campers practice their skills in Roosevelt Center before their performance the same day.

New Clown Brings New Tricks And Program to Circus Camp

by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV

For many high school and college-aged Greenbelters, Circus Camp is a fond memory. Between juggling, balancing and being taught how to embrace a performer-mindset, those who went to circus camp have retained, or at least remember once having, some unique skills that peers from other towns didn’t necessarily have the opportunity to attain.

This is why some parents were disappointed to see the camp go away for several years. This year, however, there’s a new clown in town and Circus

Camp is back with some of the old, as well as a bit of something new. On Friday, July 26, circus campers performed their third of four summer shows under the direction of Mike Funt, a career clown who moved to Greenbelt in the spring after his wife landed a job with Goddard Space Flight Center.

Highlights of the show included a human castle, circling unicycle pairs, raspberry-blowing stilt-walkers, mass juggling groups and clown acts that drew laughs from the audience. A parent later commented to Performing Arts

Coordinator Chris Cherry that she was happy to see an evolution and changes in the show at the end of each session. Funt considers those tricks and talents and many others in his curriculum merely as a vessel for the real purpose of Circus Camp; to him it’s a way of teaching life skills.

Funt tries to never forget the words of an old Australian mentor: “Teaching kids circus, it teaches them individuality and creativity, it teaches them to take risks healthily and safely, it

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2019 Campaign for Greenbelt City Council Starts August 19

by Kathleen Gallagher

The 2019 Greenbelt City Council campaign season is about to begin. In just a little more than two weeks, both incumbent and challenger candidates will begin circulating petitions and filing papers to qualify as candidates and have their names placed on the ballot for the Tuesday, November 5, Greenbelt City Council election.

Candidate packets containing all the necessary information and forms for running for office will

be available at City Clerk Bonita Anderson’s office in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 19. The filing period ends promptly at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 23.

Eligibility

Until this year, any qualified voter of the city could run for

city council. A qualified voter is a resident of the city who is duly registered to vote with Prince George’s County at a Greenbelt residence address.

The eligibility requirement has changed slightly this year because the city has lowered the qualified

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City Advisory Groups Update Council, Seek New Members

by Cameron Weekes

Greenbelt City Council met with the chairs of city advisory boards and committees during a worksession on July 17. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for councilmembers to speak with advisory groups regarding their activities, challenges, concerns, issues and accomplishments.

Vacancies

Advisory group members are appointed by the council. Vacancies on boards and committees continue to be an important issue.

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has four vacancies, Green ACES has three, Ethics Commission and the Employees Relations Board each have two, and the Board of Elections and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board each have one. Those interested in joining one of the advisory groups can apply through the city website at greenbeltnmd.gov. Applicants must be willing to attend at least one meeting with

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What Goes On

Sunday, August 4

1 to 3 p.m. Community Art Drop-in, Community Center

Tuesday, August 6

National Night Out, Various Locations (See city ad, p. 5)

Wednesday, August 7

8 p.m. Council Worksession, County Library System CEO, Community Center



PHOTO BY EUGENE “JESSE” NASH IV

Creative Kids Camp campers play a flock of mythical birds in their performance of Hercules and Hippolyta. See story on page 12.

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their desired board or committee before being accepted.

Updates
YAC will reach out to 16- and 17-year-old students to encourage them to vote in city elections this November. They will be holding youth events and visiting schools to remind students to register. YAC is also working to educate students about human trafficking and how to reduce crime in the community. The committee plans to reach out to youth in Greenbelt Station, and hopes to hold a Youth Night Out there in September or October.

The Advisory Planning Board (APB) continues to pursue plans to provide community bicycles. The council previously provided APB with a dedicated task force. Heretofore, the task force has not made significant progress.

The Ethics Commission recently requested that their membership be expanded from three to five members. The two new positions are currently vacant. The commission has been reviewing financial disclosure forms submitted by the council and advisory groups. The commission is pleased to report that only one significant issue has been encountered in the board’s history.

The Advisory Committee on Trees reports that the Greenbelt Urban Forest Master Plan was accepted by the council last August. This year’s Arbor Day celebration on March 30 was attended by 50 people who helped plant 20 trees near Crescent Road and Gardenway. The committee is considering Greenbelt Station as a location for the 2020 Arbor Day celebration.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) recently worked with the emergency siren referral council and also submitted a report on vagrancy at Roosevelt Center. PSAC is currently

working on improving cellphone reception during times of crisis to help citizens reach critical emergency services. They will consult with a retired satellite scientist in an effort to solve this issue. PSAC also wants to educate citizens on emergency situations by implementing a citywide CPR course and holding Stop the Bleed courses, and is looking into enforcing public vaping restrictions.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) is reviewing signs at Buddy Attick Park to determine if they can be understood by various non-English speaking groups. PRAB is planning upcoming projects, including the construction on Greenbelt Lake dam and Beltway Plaza redevelopment. The board will look into new developments in Greenbelt Station, especially facilities for children under the age of 5.

The Board of Elections will work closely with YAC to encourage voting among Greenbelt youth. The board will revise its forms and packets with clearer language to better meet voters’ needs. There will be four weekends of early voting to facilitate increased voter turnout. Voting locations have not changed from the previous election.

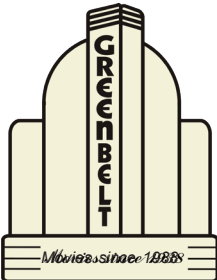
The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) ran three clubs this past school year: a reading club at Springhill Lake Elementary, a writing club at Greenbelt Middle School and a writing club at Turning Point Academy. The committee discussed future plans for Prince George’s County Schools with the Chair of the Board of Education, Dr. Alvin Thornton, in the spring. ACE reports that Turning Point Academy is moving to Temple Hills, leaving six core schools in Greenbelt.

The Arts Advisory Board (AAB) has created an arts policy

for the city which defines public art, determines where art can be placed in the city and outlines how it is to be maintained. The board has helped provide funding for local organizations. AAB also hosted a meeting in the New Deal Café to bring local artists together and promote awareness for the arts.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) has finished updating Maintenance and Management Guidelines, which have been renamed the Stewardship Guidelines. FPAB has received a grant for ecological and sociological research in the preserve and it is accepting research proposals until the middle of October. The board published a letter in the News Review dissuading hunting in the preserve.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) reports that senior citizens are thankful for a new bus provided by the city. SCAC has discussed increasing visibility on street corners and pedestrian areas around the city for those with limited vision.



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(CC)(DVS)(2019)(117 mins)
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Sat. 5:30 PM
Sun. 3:00 (OC), 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:30 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM
Wed. 5:30 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

BOOKSMART (R)
(CC)(DVS)(2019)(105 mins)
Fri. 5:30 PM
Sat. 3:00, 8:00 PM
Sun. 5:30PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:30 PM
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Thurs. 5:30 PM

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Community Center
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(PG)(2019)(85 mins)
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An Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly visits Gardenway.

On Screen
Yesterday
One day Jack was nobody. A struggling singer-songwriter in a tiny English seaside town losing hope of making it as a musician, his only supporter is his childhood best friend Ellie. Then, after a global blackout, he wakes up to discover he’s the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles. Jack finds himself on a journey to figure out what happened that night, and to bring back joy and the memory of a band from yesterday.
PG-13. Running time: 117 minutes
Booksmart
A slightly raunchy, thoroughly funny female buddy comedy. On the eve of their high school graduation, two academic superstars and best friends, Amy and Molly, realize they should have worked less and played more. “We haven’t broken any rules.” Determined to make up for lost time, the girls decide to cram four years of not-to-be missed fun into one night – a chaotic adventure that no amount of book smarts could prepare them for.
R. Running time: 105 minutes
-Sandy Rodgers



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Community Events

At the Library

2019 Summer @ Your Library: A Universe of Stories. The ongoing library challenge runs through August 19. Participants of all ages may register online at pgcmis.info via the library’s Beanstack online platform.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Monday, August 5, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration has recently reopened. For information, contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, August 6, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

Roberta’s Reads. Tuesday, August 6, 7 p.m., adults. Join library CEO Roberta Phillips to discuss The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek. Filled with intriguing ideas and history, this book by Kim Michele Richardson promises a great discussion. Call the administrative office to reserve a seat at 301-699-3500 ext. 6241, as space is limited. A follow-up event on August 20 will include a video discussion with the author.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, August 6, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, August 7, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, August 8, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Storytime on Screen. Monday, August 12, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring babies, toddlers and preschoolers to the Community Center, Room 200, to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required.

Library Hours: Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Animal Shelter Cutting Hours

Due to staff shortages, the Greenbelt Animal Shelter will be closed temporarily on Sundays for Animal Control services until further notice. Any animal-related emergencies will be directed to Prince George’s County Animal Control. They can be reached at 301-780-7200. The shelter apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sock Monkey Free Workshop

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests to make sock monkeys at a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, August 4 between 1 and 3 p.m. Materials will be provided, but guests are encouraged to bring any special socks or embellishments that they would like to incorporate. Led by instructor Carol Petrucci, this workshop will take place in the gymnasium at the Community Center. Admission is free. Reservations are recommended; follow the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts to sign up. A limited number of seats will also be available on a walk-up basis. There are no age limits, but parents should note that this craft involves sewing with fairly blunt metal needles.

Participants also can stop by the art gallery to see the work of Creative Kids Campers in their exhibition Three Heads are Better Than One. The show features renderings, models and large collaborative sculptures depicting mythical creatures from their show Hercules and Hippolyta. Also available for viewing is the Greenbelt Museum’s current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center.

For more information, call 301-397-2208. City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Homeschoolers Plans To Be Aired August 8

The Greenbelt homeschoolers will meet to discuss fall and winter plans on Thursday, August 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library children’s section.

Interested families may join Greenbelt homeschoolers on Facebook. This is not a library-sponsored event.

Thoughtful Discussion At Roosevelt Center

In honor of National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 6 at 7 p.m., the MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group will gather at one of the umbrella tables at the Roosevelt Center to ponder Safety. What does it mean to be safe, for an individual, a community, a country? Physically, emotionally, psychically? If safety is the highest priority, what would people sacrifice to be safe?

Grief Support Group Next Meets August 20

Community Hospices offers a discussion on various grief topics each third Tuesday evening of every month in the Community Center. Come for informative, supportive and inspirational discussions. All are welcome. On August 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the topic is Experiences of Transition at End of Life for caregivers and loved ones. Check the sign board in the Community Center hallway for the room number. Contact Margaret Capurso with any questions at 301-560-6002.

Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of August 5 are as follows:

Monday, August 5: potato-crusted fish, garden medley rice, broccoli, whole-wheat bread with margarine, fresh fruit, orange juice

Tuesday, August 6: minestrone soup, eggplant Parmesan with marinara spaghetti, Tuscan vegetables, Italian bread with margarine, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, August 7: meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, whole-wheat bread with margarine, tropical fruit, fruit punch

Thursday, August 8: pulled Cuban pork, black beans, plantains, coleslaw, whole-wheat hamburger bun, cranberry juice

Friday, August 9: chicken cacciatore, buttered rotini, garlic spinach, Italian bread with margarine, Mandarin oranges and pineapple, apple juice

GHI NOTES

Thursday August 1, 10:00 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Thursday August 1, 7:00 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Thursday August 1, 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Saturday August 3, 11:00 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Wednesday August 7, 7:00 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday August 7, 7:00 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Friday August 9, office closed, Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center

August 30-September 15: The Wild Party

Auditions: August 11-12: Motherhood Out Loud • September 9-10: Phantom Tollbooth

Apply Now for 2019 Art and Craft Fair

Now through September 27, individuals and nonprofit organizations can apply online to participate in the City of Greenbelt 2019 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The fair will take place on December 7 and 8 at the Community Center.

Now in its 48th year, the art and craft fair is a vibrant tradition. Approximately 70 exhibitors are chosen to participate annually, selling their own original paintings, prints, photography, clothing, accessories, pottery, wood crafts, musical instruments, toys and much more. Joining them are local poets and authors as well as local nonprofit arts, humanities and service organizations. Groups are invited to sell or raffle crafts related to their mission; they may also sell tickets, memberships, gift certificates and wares with their logo. The fair is open to youth exhibitors as well as adults. Applications are available online at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. There is a fee to participate in the event, but there is no cost to apply. Artists are selected on a rolling basis. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at agardner@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2060. Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Arts Advisory Board Meets Tuesday, August 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (AAB) will meet next on Tuesday, August 6 at 7 p.m. in the dining hall at the Community Center. Topics will include a recap of the June AAB community arts mixer, planning for the next event in that series and a recap of the July 9 public art visioning meeting. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov. There are currently vacancies on numerous Greenbelt boards and committees. Please call 301-474-800 for more information.

MagLev Meeting

Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition will host a meeting about the proposed MagLev Train on Thursday, August 8 at 7 p.m. in the Hunting Ridge Condominiums, 6914 Hanover Parkway. See ad on page 9.

Golden Age Club August Schedule

The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to participate in our meetings and join our group.

Programs for August:

August 7 – business meeting

August 14 – Donica Thompson, trauma services outreach and injury prevention coordinator at the University of Maryland Prince George’s Hospital Center, will speak about fall prevention and exercises to help prevent falls.

August 21 – potluck and birthday luncheon; bring a dish to share.

August 28 – Bingo; we’re always looking for prizes.

Local School Supply Lists Now Available

Parents from local schools have a new tool in their back-to-school bag of tricks this year, as all of their school supply lists are now posted on TeacherLists.com. With just one or two clicks, parents can find their child’s exact supply list and then click right over to pre-filled shopping carts on Target, Walmart, Office Depot, Amazon or Staples to purchase their list and have it shipped to their home. Target, Walmart, Office Depot and Staples also offer in-store pick-up. Complete details and all the lists are available at teacherlists.com/parents.

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Program Schedule

Friday Aug 2 - Thursday Aug 8

7 am

Greenbelt News Reel

8 am

Democracy Now!

9 am

Classic Film: Pygmalion (1938) Leslie Howard

11 am

Adopt A Pet

11:30

Greenbelt Discussion

12 pm

Greenbelt News Reel

1 pm

Strata (Archaeology)

2 pm

Greenbelt News Reel

3 pm

Classic Film: Pygmalion (1938) Leslie Howard

5 pm

Strata (Archaeology)

6 pm

Greenbelt News Reel

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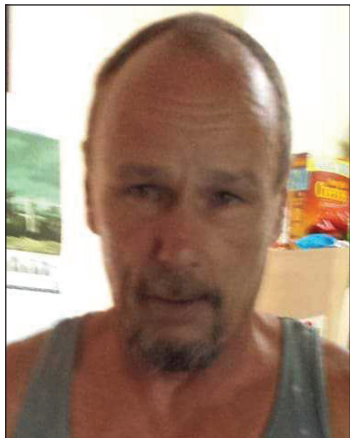
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Obituaries



Norman Leech

Norman Leech

Norman Louis Leech died on July 7, 2019. He was born and raised in Greenbelt. Mr. Leech attended Charlotte Hall Military Academy where he played and excelled at lacrosse. He was a house painter.

Mr. Leech is survived by his daughter Teresa Leech, his son Jason Leech, as well as siblings Carol Ann, Robert, Garry, William, Kristie, James and Cheryl, also from Greenbelt. He was predeceased by his brother Michael.

Delegate Healey Gives Academic Scholarships

Anne Healey, state delegate from District 22, Prince George’s County, has awarded scholarships for the academic year 2019-2020 to area students. The selections were based on the strong academic profiles and exemplary records of community service of the applicants. This year’s Greenbelt recipients are: Favour Dimelu, Donika Gibson, Elijah David Johnson, Arsalan Siddiqui, Lynette Raheem, Patience Amponsah, Deborah Dimelu, Habayattu Bah, Mauricia Brown, Maria Saavedra, Ray Jefferies, Olaoluwa Adebajo, Nelson Chen and Nastassja Stephens.

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We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Norman Leech, who died on July 7.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

United in Equality Conversation Tuesday

The Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission will host its second United in Equality Community Conversation on Tuesday, August 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bowie Branch Library at 15210 Annapolis Road (Route 450), Bowie. Attendees will continue to hear about, share and learn from the challenges and triumphs experienced by the LGBTQ community in and around the county, with a particular emphasis on the experiences of those in the transgender community. Due to space limitations, attendees need to register for this free event at unitedinequality2.eventbrite.com.

County Offers Grief Programs for Teens

Chesapeake Life Center Prince George’s County offices offer a variety of grief support groups through September at 9500 Medical Center Drive, Suite 250, Largo, as well as at other locations in the county.

New to the schedule is its Prince George’s County Teen Support Group for youth ages 13 to 18 to connect with others their age who grieve the death of a loved one. Its first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call for location and to speak with a counselor prior to attending the first meeting.

Another new program is the Prince George’s County Children’s Grief Day Camp. It will be held on Saturday, August 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the College Park Airport Aviation Museum and will be an interactive workshop experience where children ages 6 to 12 can explore their grief while having fun. The program includes snacks, lunch and an activity in the Aviation Museum. There is a fee for this program.

Other programs offered at the Center’s Prince George’s County office include Coffee and Conversations Monthly Morning Grief Support Group, an informal gathering that provides a safe place for sharing and learning about grief while exploring coping strategies. The group will meet on Thursday, September 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Children are not permitted in any adult groups. Registration is required for all groups and can be completed by calling 888-501-7077 or emailing griefinfo@chesapeakelifecenter.org. For more information, visit chesapeakelifecenter.org.



He Visited All U.S. National Parks, Including Greenbelt

by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV



David Kroese sits in front of the two sets of pins he gathered from over 200 parks in his journey to see all 419 sites in the National Park System.

To a man who visited all 419 sites in the National Park System for its centennial two years ago, Greenbelt Park should have simply been another notch in his belt. But it wasn’t. In fact, David Kroese has a special memory here, thanks to a kind act from Greenbelt Park Superintendent Matthew Carroll.

Toward the end of his quest

to pick up a centennial pin from each of the more than 200 parks that offered them, Kroese learned that Greenbelt Park had pins ordered for the staff, but not on sale to the public. So, he took a chance and called up Carroll to see if there were any extras he could pick up. Carroll returned the message by mailing his personal copy to Kroese.

As a token of gratitude, Kroese included Greenbelt as the 10th location for the tour of his framed presentation of the complete set of pins. On Tuesday, June 25, Kroese picked up the set and stopped by the Community Center to tell the full story of his three-year-long quest with his wife, Kareem.


Kroese tapped into his knowledge of Civil War history, biology and geology to tell the stories of how he ended up at each park to an audience of a dozen Greenbelters, mostly park enthusiasts.

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At the battlefield parks, he came to understand just how good, or terrible, a general’s position was. At Sequoia in California, he came to see trees that can consume 500 gallons of water a day through creating their own rain out of air with special needles.

There were the geological wonders like the Grand Tetons in Wyoming, where he described the 10,000-foot-tall mountains that directly border the fault that created them, or the lighthouse at Point Reyes near San Francisco, which sits on a block of rock that was once connected to a range of mountains 350 miles to the south.

As he talked, a sun-bleached St. Louis Cardinals hat that had been to all 419 parks rested on a nearby table in the front of the room next to a thick, self-published paperback book that further detailed the excursions he took on vacation time from his full-time job.

He said that the stories behind the parks were what fascinated him the most. Further, he liked to see contrast between natural beauty and human tragedy like the remote park and town in Molokai, Hawaii, which is bordered by an impassable mountain range and was used to house lepers, becoming known as “the place people went to die,” according to Kroese.

He started the journey because of a joke by his wife who said that, if he loves the parks so much, he might as well make it a mission to visit them all. So he did, taking every vacation hour he had to see new parks. Eventually, he realized he could do his work just as effectively in a hotel room as he could in the office, and found even more time to visit the parks.

The challenge did not come without the difficulty of burn-out, but he found relief in his followers on social media, the National Park Service employees who were always supportive, as well as the process of writing his book.

And he finished on a positive note. “I didn’t realize ‘til it was all over that what I was really looking for was myself.”

Donate Books For Annual PTA Sale

The Greenbelt Elementary School Book Sale collection begins Monday, August 12. Looking for a variety of genres and subjects. Books can be dropped off at the collection areas at the Co-op Supermarket and Greenbriar Condominiums. Large donations will only be accepted the week of August 19. Call 202-630-9285 to arrange large donations. Collection will end Thursday, August 29 in preparation for the sale at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival on Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2.

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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 5-9

Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Commuity Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Recap of the June 6 mixer on Arts and Entertainment Districts, Proposal for next mixer to be held in partnership with the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council, Recap of the July 9 Public Art Visioning Meeting, and Discussion of upcoming Board elections in September*

Wednesday, August 7 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Commuity Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update and Updating the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan*

Wednesday, August 7 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Prince George’s County Memorial Library System CEO** at Community Center, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.*

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, call 301-474-8000.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
DATES & DEADLINES
for the 2019 City Council Election

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/19
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5 p.m.)	9/23
Date of drawing for placement on ballot – 7:30 p.m.	9/23
First Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 p.m.).	9/27
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro)	10/07
First day to receive an absentee ballot	10/16
Early Voting begins	10/12
Second Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 p.m.).	10/25
Last day to request regular absentee ballot (by 12 p.m.)	11/04
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/04
Election 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	11/05
Absentee ballots must be received by 6 p.m.	11/05
Final Contributions & Expenditures Report (12 p.m.).	11/08
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30 p.m.	11/11

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY WELCOME PACKETS

It’s that time of year again! If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt Welcome Packets please bring 300 copies of your promotional material to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, by Monday August 19, 2019. Packets are distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

There will be a Packet Stuffing Party on Thursday, August 22 at 6pm in the City Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Volunteer hours will be given. Please bring your forms.

For more information contact Beverly Palau at bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2026

Community Art Drop-In
Sunday, AUGUST 4, 1-3pm
Sock Monkey workshop - FREE
All ages welcome.
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
15 Crescent Rd., Ph. 301-397-2208
Reservations are recommended; follow the link at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts
A limited number of seats will also be available on a walk-up basis.

All materials will be provided for this workshop led by instructor Carol Petrucci.
Please plan to participate for the full two hours, 1-3pm

AquaMania

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August 10th at 9:00am

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101 Centerway
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Must Pre-Register @ Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (Limited to 50 participants)
Activity #: 451173-A1, \$2.00

National Night Out 2019
Tuesday, August 6th

Roosevelt Center 6:30-8:00 pm
Crescent Road & Southway (100 block of Centerway)
Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Old Greenbelt Theatre, GHI Member Outreach Committee, Greenbelt C.E.R.T. and C.A.R.T. Greenbelt Dog Walker Watch, Town Center Realty, Greenbelt Elementary/Middle School PTAs, Proteus Bike Shop, Mishkan Torah, Greenbelt Community Church of Christ Members United, Greenbelt PRIDE, Peace and Justice Coalition, WAGS, Good Samaritan Lutheran Church

Greenbriar 6:00-8:00pm
Parking lots between 7716-7718 Hanover Pkwy.

Beltway Plaza (In partnership w/Franklin Park) 6:00-8:00pm
6000 block Greenbelt Road (In the rear parking lot area).

Windsor Green 6:00-8:00pm
7474 Frankfort Drive (Club House)

Hunting Ridge 6:30-8:30pm
6914 Hanover Parkway (Clubhouse)

Schrom Hills Park 6:00-8:00 pm
6915 Hanover Parkway
(Sponsored by the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition)
The following communities will join together: Greenspring 1, Greenspring 2, Greenbelt Lake Village, Greenwood Village, Greenbrook Estates and Greenbrook Village

Small funds available for studying the ecology, history, and use of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve

The Greenbelt Forest Preserve is a 255-acre preserve owned by the City of Greenbelt, Maryland. As established by City Code in 2003, the land is “preserved in a natural state for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.” The City Council has established a fund to encourage research about the ecosystem and history of the Preserve, and improve stewardship of the Preserve. The fund will be dispersed as reimbursable grants to researchers for certain types of expenses. Anyone can apply. Preference will be given to projects with outputs that enhance the ability of the city to manage the Preserve. Up to \$2000 is available in 2019.

Projects might include:

- Studying the forest over time to document change;
- Surveying vegetation, invertebrate, or vertebrate animal populations;
- Mapping invasive species;
- Surveying stream aquatic life, water quality or pollution;
- Reviewing documents to trace the history of land use within the Preserve;
- Surveying attitudes about the Preserve from citizens/users;
- Studying the impact of adjacent land uses and land management practices on the Preserve; or
- Other ecological, social, or historical research.

See Sec. 12-159: City Code:
<https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=7734>
Request application from forestpreserve@greenbeltmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Ethics Commission, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee. For more information: 301-474-8000

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

Friday, August 16 from 8:00pm-9:45pm. Admittance to the pool will be \$5.00 for all families (including passholders.) Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun!

Entering family must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.

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District Heights, Maryland 20747
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MakerSpace Repair Café has Returned at a New Location

by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV

Bringing back the popular Repair Café seemed like a daunting task without access to its former spacious location in Roosevelt Center.

But not daunting enough to stop Robert Candey or William “Brett” Fishburne, who easily moved boxes and bags of tools, glues and parts into a classroom at the Community Center on Saturday, July 13. There, they kicked off the first Repair Café to not have been hosted in the old location. The Café, which is normally run four times a year, only missed a beat in the second quarter of 2019 after moving out of the old location before it was back in (free) business again.

And business was booming. In the first 15 minutes, even before all the tools had been moved inside, the Café welcomed its first customer. A woman needed a lawn mower, power washer and alarm clock fixed, and brought in the latter two to see what the handymen could do.

Fishburne quickly got to work on the power washer while Candey examined the clock. The gas lawnmower, along with another mower later in the morning, had to be turned down because the task of breaking it down would have proved too messy for the temporary indoor space.

If they were still in the old location, Candey said, he could have easily worked on a mower on the sidewalk outside.

Candey missed the benefits of owning a space, like having boxes upon boxes of loose screws and what one volunteer called a “hoard of power tools.”

Aside from these differences, the Café volunteers continued as they would have in the previous space. Dozens of jobs came in, over half of which could be fixed – normal numbers for the Café, according to Fishburne.

Jobs ranged from mechani-

cal to electrical, from sewing to computer work. A plethora of volunteers were up for each new challenge, keeping up a constant stream of productivity throughout the day.

Along with the MakerSpace co-op’s board members, two youths volunteered their time for high school service hours. A bicycle specialist and licensed electrician came in to offer their expertise too, although it ended up not being needed this time.

Most who attended said they had either been to the Café before or had seen a notice for it in the News Review. Fishburne was concerned when the News Review incorrectly published the July date for the Café. But as more people who had read the correction came out as the day went on, his concern lessened.

Resident David Shapiro brought in a broken food processor and offered his expertise in electrical work. He said that he was grateful for the volunteer who fixed his problem and that Greenbelt MakerSpace doesn’t need any special space to do what they do. The volunteers are happy and helpful, and that’s all Shapiro could ask for.

He would have liked more signs around and inside the Community Center for better publicity. But to Shapiro, this was a small complaint.

Fishburne and Candey, who have tinkered with and repaired things for family and friends for most of their lives, were as motivated as ever before to help out whomever did make it through their doors.

As a nonprofit, the MakerSpace didn’t have to pay to use the room, according to Fishburne, who was thankful for that.

“This is Greenbelt, you know, and people look out for each other,” Shapiro said.



Robert Candey inspects a hedge trimmer that has a hot handle problem.

-Photos by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV



Sue Krofchik watches as William “Brett” Fishburne, right, applies glue to a chair that has been in Greenbelt for decades.

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voting age to 16- and 17-year-old residents who are duly registered. The minimum age for running for office, however, continues to be 18.

Every Vote Counts

The city council has seven members, all of whom are elected at large for two-year terms. Greenbelt has no wards or districts and each voter may vote for up to seven candidates. Elections are nonpartisan.

Greenbelt has a council-manager form of government and it does not hold a separate contest for the office of mayor. Both the mayor and mayor pro tem are elected by the city council. While the council may elect whichever of its members it chooses to fill these positions, it traditionally elects the two members who receive the highest and second-highest number of votes from residents voting in the biennial election.

Voters sometimes think it is not worthwhile to vote if it appears to be a foregone conclusion who will be elected to the city council. In this case, however, when the positions of mayor and mayor pro tem will almost surely be decided by the electorate’s votes, it is no exaggeration to say that in city elections every vote counts.

In addition to the election, the city ballot sometimes includes one or more advisory referendum questions to ask the opinions of voters on various matters. No ballot questions are anticipated this year, but the city council has until September 30 to adopt a resolution to that end.

Forms, Forms, Forms

To run for office, candidates must complete the following forms, most of which must be notarized, and submit them to the city clerk for certification no later than 5 p.m. on September 23.

A nomination petition bearing the signatures of at least 50 registered city voters is required, with each page identifying the candidate’s name and address of residence, as well as the signature and residence address of the person circulating that page of the petition.

An acceptance of nomination form certifies the nominee’s commitment to serve if elected.

An affidavit of candidate form provides personal identifying information.

A detailed financial disclosure statement provides a declaration of business, investment and real estate interests held by the nominee and immediate family, as well as sources of specified income and debt. Although non-incumbents must file this form with their nomination materials, incumbent candidates who filed at the required time as sitting councilmembers do not have to file again to run in the election.

In addition, candidates must submit a form that designates their appointed treasurer, including the person’s signature of acceptance of the appointment.

Ballot

As soon as the September 23, 5 p.m. filing deadline has passed, the ballot can be established. At 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, the candidates will draw for ballot position by lottery. In a second drawing, they will choose the location of their election signs on poles to be posted in designated locations by the city. The city’s Board of Elections oversees these drawings, which are open

to the public.

Penalties Are No Joke

Once certified, candidates must file reports of campaign contributions and expenditures at three points in time, all Fridays. This year the two interim reports are due by noon on September 27 and October 25 and the final report due following the election by noon on November 8. With some items excepted, candidates are required to report the totals of all contributions and expenditures and to itemize items in excess of \$25. These reports are kept in the city clerk’s office and are open to public inspection during business hours.

The penalties are severe for not submitting these reports on time. In a change from prior elections, candidates who do not submit a report on time will be fined \$50 per day to a maximum of \$500. The Board of Elections is also authorized to remove from the ballot the name of a candidate judged not to have complied with financial reporting requirements. A candidate who falls out of compliance after the election will not be sworn in without complying.

Voter Registration

For anyone thinking of running for city council, signing a candidate’s petition or voting in the city election, it is never too early to take care of voter registration. For anyone not already registered at a Greenbelt residence address or who needs to make corrections to registration information, the deadline is Monday, October 7.

Voters can look to see if their registration information is correct on the voter services section of the website of the State Board of Elections (elections.state.md.us). Ignore the polling places given there, however, since, except for the Community Center, they will not apply to city elections.

Anyone with a Maryland driv-

er’s license or Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration ID card can register to vote or make corrections to registration information online at the State Board of Elections website. For those who prefer paper, forms can be printed from the state website and returned by U.S. mail. Forms are also available at the Greenbelt branch of the public library, from the city clerk’s office or from the Prince George’s County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300. Paper forms must be received by the county prior to 4:30 p.m. on the October 7 deadline.

Early & Absentee Voting

Detailed information on early and absentee voting will be provided closer to the time that voting begins, but the opening dates should be kept in mind by people running for office.

Early voting is available in two forms in Greenbelt. Any registered voter who prefers not to vote at the polling place (no excuse required) may vote by absentee ballot, either by U.S. mail or in person at the Municipal Building beginning October 16, and ending at 6 p.m. on Election Day.

According to the city calendar, early voting by voting machine will be available to all voters in the Municipal Building on specified days and times beginning on Saturday, October 12, and ending on Friday, November 1. Weekend early voting will be available to all city voters in the Schrom Hills Park Community Room on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, and at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27.

For more information on Greenbelt elections, call 301-474-8000 or check the city’s website at greenbeltnmd.gov. Click government, then City Election in the second column.



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Local News Channel Films Morning Show in Greenbelt

by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV



Chef Karim Kmaiha of Cedars of Lebanon shows the news crew samples of dishes offered at his restaurant.

Visitors to the Roosevelt Center and Co-op shoppers noticed that the parking lots were more crowded than normal on Friday, July 26. That’s because local news station Fox 5 came to Greenbelt to film a Zip Trip summer morning show and plenty of residents came to watch.

Zip Trip is a five-year-old program for the Good Day DC show that sets up a mobile studio in various towns that the news channel serves. From the mobile studio, the morning program highlights the community, landmarks and businesses of the various towns that it visits from 6 to 11 a.m.

Greenbelters and residents of neighboring cities got to see a full news crew in action. There were multiple video cameras swarming around reporters, directors yelling into microphones

and crew-members readying a constantly evolving set.

Non-profits and businesses set up tents and tables around the set as local performing troupes moved in and out and around the sets. Viewers of the entire five-hour program would have seen members of the Greenbelt City Council, staff from the New Deal Café, Cedars of Lebanon and Chef Lou’s Desserts, and performances by planned and unplanned entertainers.

Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars Coach Kim Bradshaw has directed performances at the White House and around the world. Still, she was surprised to find that Fox 5 reporter Mike Thomas could keep up for a few jumps in a double Dutch clutching his microphone while live on camera.

Thomas later tried juggling and balancing on a rolabola with Mike Funt, Greenbelt’s newest clown and circus camp director. Funt rewarded Thomas’s efforts with a pie to the face.

But Funt wasn’t the only

clown in the audience. Two others with Da Party Crasherz came for the last hour and a half of the show complete in their silly suits, oversized glasses and missing-teeth-dentures to dance and bring smiles to the audience. Da Party Crasherz garnered the attention of the news anchors multiple times on and off camera with their dancing and exuberance.

Even after the show officially ended, the duo started a dance competition against Eleanor Roosevelt High School cheerleaders in front of the DJ table. As the crew tore down the set, onlookers pulled out their cellphones to record the match.

A member of the group who did not provide his name said that Da Party Crasherz has a history with the news affiliate, and though they usually only perform for paying clients, they entertained for free that day. Other planned performances included the Dem Raider Boyz Step Squad, Moose Jaw Bluegrass and The Chromatics from Goddard Space Flight Center.

As a token of thanks for the news crew coming out, Co-op employee Felicia Snyder and friend Cynthia Quinton presented a cookie pizza to one of the anchors after the show.



Brian Butler, longtime coach and recreation coordinator at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, is recognized as a hometown hero for his work in Greenbelt. Butler is known for, among other things, his mentoring of many Greenbelt youth who pass through the Recreation Center.



Mike Thomas interviews Coach Kim Bradshaw of the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars (at right) after attempting the Double-Dutch. Bradshaw, a past Grand National Jump Rope Champion, has been coaching the team throughout its 28+ year history.



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August’s Monthly Specials



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HOURS OF OPERATION <i>(Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays)</i> Breakfast Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch Wednesday to Friday: 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM Dinner Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Friday: 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Sunday Commander’s Café: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM				1 Lunch: Meatloaf Platter Steak Nite	2 Lunch: Shrimp, Cheddar, Bacon Sandwich Dinner: Beer Battered Haddock	3 London Broil
4 Commander’s Café Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Or Country Fried Chicken	<div><div>GREENBELT POST 136 CRAB FEAST Sunday, August 18th 2:00 to 5:00 PM Tickets: Only 150 Tickets Sold \$55.00 PUBLIC WELCOME <i>Legionnaires, Aux. Unit #136 & SAL in good standings: \$5.00 off (must have current membership card)</i>  “All you can eat on the Premises, while supplies last!!” Please bring your own pitcher. No bags, containers or large handbags in the hall during the Crab Feast. Tables Reservations are for Handicapped Only. Doors open 30 minutes prior to serving Children 10 and under free admission</div><div>While you are here enjoying a lunch or dinner, look into how you too could join the Legion, Sons of the American Legion or Auxiliary Unit #136. By joining you can participate in many different events and activities at the Post throughout the year. Visit us on the web at http://www.greenbeltmdpost136.org</div></div>		7 Lunch: Taco Salad Dinner: Pork Chops	8 Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich Rib Nite	9 Lunch: Tuna Cold Plate Dinner: Fresh Salmon	10 Steak ‘n’ Shrimp
11 Commander’s Café Seafood Pasta Or Chicken Vito			14 Lunch: Steak ‘n’ Cheese Sub Dinner: Meatloaf Platter	15 Lunch: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Fried Chicken Nite	16 Lunch: Steamed Shrimp Dinner: Jumbo Lump Crab Cake	17 Prime Rib Au Jus
18 Commander’s Café Fresh Salmon Or Veal Parmesan			21 Lunch: Tuna Melt Dinner: Lasagna	22 Lunch: San Antonio Taco Salad Rib Nite	23 Lunch: Cajun Chicken Dinner: Stuffed Shrimp	24 Filet Mignon
25 Commander’s Café Steamed Shrimp Or Fried Chicken					28 Lunch: Chicken Walnut Salad Dinner: Salmon Cake	29 Lunch: Chicken Cheese Steak Rib Nite

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault
July 21, 8:37 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man standing in the ATM lobby of Bank of America was pushed out of it by another man for no known reason. He refused treatment for a minor back injury. The person who did the pushing is described as black with a muscular build, wearing a green tank top, black sweat pants and a red hat.

Sex Offense
July 24, 4:16 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for fourth degree sex offense after he fondled another youth, and a 15-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for first degree assault after he threatened the same person with a knife. They were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft
July 20, 5:40 p.m., 101 Centerway. A purse and keys were taken from an unsecured locker at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.

July 22, 1:14 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with theft and trespass after officers responded to a report of a shoplifter at Giant Food. He was released on citations pending trial.

July 22, 4:45 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A store employee observed a man enter the Twins African Fashions and walk to the rear office. When she confronted the man he left the store. She then discovered her wallet had been removed from her purse in the office. The man is described as black with a medium build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, gray pants and pink shoes.

July 22, 4:48 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man reached over a woman who was eating inside D.C. Charbroiled Chicken and Grill, grabbed her purse and fled on foot. She chased him and he dropped the purse and continued to flee. He is described as Hispanic with a medium build, wearing a striped blue polo shirt, blue jeans and white shoes. The purse was recovered.

Public Intoxication
July 24, 4:47 p.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. A 60-year-old resident was arrested and charged with public intoxication after officers responded to a report of a disorderly person. She was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass
July 18, 6:32 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Greenway Center after having been banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

July 19, 10:30 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary
July 18, 1:30 a.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. Officers responded to a report of an activated burglar alarm at Sprint Store. The glass front door had been broken out and two cell phones were taken.

Vehicle Crime
Two vehicles were stolen. A red 4-door 2018 Honda Civic with Maryland tags 7DN6510 was taken from the 200 block Lakeside Drive. A 2002 BMW 330i stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered the next day in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

An attempted theft from vehicle occurred at Buddy Attick Park, when, as a person was attempting to park in the lake lot, a man opened and closed a door to the driver's vehicle. He then began pulling on the door handles of nearby vehicles. A woman driving a dark gray Ford Taurus pulled up and told him to get inside the car. They then fled.

Four tires and rims were taken from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway and on Greenbrook Drive near Chartwell Place, one vehicle in each location. Rear Delaware tag PCO66400 was taken in the 9200 block Springhill Lane.

Attempted thefts from unlocked vehicles were reported in the 9100 block Springhill Lane and 400 block Ridge Road, where vehicles were rummaged through but nothing taken.

Thefts from unlocked vehicles included money being taken in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace, clothing and a credit card in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, an iPod in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive and a hand-cap placard in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

Carl Roberson Named Officer for the Quarter



Carl Roberson

PHOTO BY GEORGE MATTHEWS

Carl Roberson, recently promoted to Police Officer First Class (PFC), was named Greenbelt Police Officer for the Quarter April through June 2019.

During those three months Roberson was instrumental in making several felony arrests that included assault with a firearm, and during a traffic stop, an arrest for carrying an illegal firearm. Roberson also forced entry into a home to help save an elderly resident who was experiencing a medical emergency. Roberson is a patrol officer known for his friendly demeanor and love for helping others.




Rude Mechanicals Present The Country Wife at GAC

by Alan Duda

The Rude Mechanicals will present the comedy The Country Wife at the Greenbelt Arts Center between August 9 and 17. Written in 1675 by William Wycherly, this satire explores the hypocrisy of maintaining one's honor only for the sake of appearances. The characters assume much while actually knowing little in this fast-paced comedy. Those who are familiar with other Rude Mechanicals' productions won't be surprised to hear the character Harry Horner declare, "For my part I will have only those glorious, manly pleasures of being very drunk and very slovenly." His new scheme is to spread the rumor about town that he is recently a eunuch, and so may pursue others' wives with impunity. The husbands blithely allow their jaded city wives free

rein with him, but it is the innocent bride newly arrived from the country that catches Horner's eye. Shelved for centuries as too scandalous to be performed, it was the play's mistreatment of women that caused director Alan Duda to set the production in 1955 Manhattan during the era of I Love Lucy and The Honey-mooners. The show is presented as a televised sitcom, to which attendees are invited to participate as the live studio audience. The Country Wife will be performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, August 9, 10, 16 and 17, with a 2 p.m. matinee on August 11. For tickets and to learn about upcoming productions, visit greenbeltartscenter.org or see the ad on page 3.



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teaches them about teamwork, it teaches them about being aspirational, wanting to be better and do bigger things, it teaches them about hard work and perseverance and grit, and it teaches them to play and have fun.”

“I am using circus as a way of teaching them these life skills that I think make you a better person no matter what you choose to do as a career,” he said. And how could he achieve this better than through the help of his partner and longtime Greenbelt resident, skills coach Charlie Fahey, who brings the emotion to Funt’s experience.

From day one to performance day, Fahey keeps the children’s focus each session through drastic alterations in his pitch, childish interpretations of complex skills, and animated storytelling. During one so-called burn session, where campers perform the necessary muscular exercise to accompany the technique required for circus skills, Fahey distracted campers from the pain of muscle growth with a story of how his cat, Butt-snap, got its name.

Add to the talents of Funt and Fahey the help of intern Nick Taylor who specializes in unicycles, camp counselor Mira Willson who likes balance-based exercises like the tightrope, and camp counselor Breanna Taylor, and you have an hour-long showcase of performers weaving various circus skills into and around a story (think Cirque Du Soleil style) accomplished almost entirely by the campers.

Funt, who has years of teaching circus skills to children from his time as a touring clown in California, appreciated the help because it allowed more one-on-one skill-coaching time between campers and staff than he is used to. It also allows him more time to structure each session to the type of campers attending and to tweak the final performance as necessary.

At each session Funt said he has tried to make the camp “something that feels familiar but is also new” to those parents and friends of current campers who attended the camp in the past. As part of the old, he kept the degree system by which campers can work to earn a degree in different skills by performing a certain amount of reps or remaining stable for a certain period of time demonstrating that the camper has mastered the basics of the skill and can move on to more complex tasks.

One of the new elements added by Funt is the basic structure of the program that includes teaching and coaching in acrobatics, equilibristic

(balancing) tasks, juggling and general clowning, as well as the burn sessions. On day one, the campers learn safety techniques needed for all the skills they will be learning, and by the final day, the campers have learned enough to demonstrate multiple skills in the final performance.

The culmination of the first week for Funt, which carries into performance day, is when he teaches the children how to make an act their own.

“Some of these skills and activities have been around for thousands of years and most of them have been around for a hundred years, and yet people still go watch them in the circus. The reason is because the performers have made those skills their own in some way,” he said.

Funt tries to help the kids understand what makes their version of doing juggling or acrobatics unique to them. His hope is that every camper will have an answer to that by the end of the camp session.

The next circus show will be Friday, August 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym.



Circus campers create a human castle with their acrobatic skills.



The third session of circus camp comes together to juggle as a group during the camp performance.

Creative Kids Role Out Story About Hercules and Hippolyta

by Demetrios Matsakis

Legend has it that when Hercules was born, the Earth shook under his weight. Christopher Cherry’s production of Hercules and Hippolyta skillfully ignores the scientifically incorrect, while embracing the politically correct in a manner enjoyable by even those who know what really happened.

Hercules (Aidan Larkin) is still a hero whose superhuman strength overcomes the Nemean Lion, chases the Erymanthean Boar (Cherry) to its death, frees Prometheus (Maeve Ballantine), who was chained to a mountain by Zeus for giving fire to humankind and ventures into the underworld. But equal billing comes to Princess Hippolyta of the Amazons (Eva McNabb), who we encounter pursuing her own quest, carrying a magic girdle that can double a person’s particular strengths as needed.

Equal to Hercules in beauty if not physical strength, Hippolyta’s superior cunning helps them out of many a jam. It is she who suggests that Hercules trick the Hydra’s heads into fighting each other and finds a better way to drive away the Stymphean birds. She repeatedly points out that muscle-strength is not always the best way to solve problems. It is her purity that enables her to obtain the Apples of Hesperides so Hercules could get past the three-headed dog Cerberus (Ananth Batni, Jonah Hurtt, Kyle Thomas) on his way to Hades – where he finds his mother (Megan Winner) has learned to understand the meaning of our ephemeral existence and is unwilling to return to the land of the living.

As the plot winds to its conclusion, Hercules gains enough wisdom to figure out how to clean the Augean stables in just one day, but more importantly, he recognizes his faults and realizes that the gods themselves are imperfect. Consequently, it is up to humanity to

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claim its own destiny. Our two heroes do not fall in love, but their future, like that of our species, is limited only by our imagination.

While the myths are transformed to suit the audience, as has happened for millennia, their richness and beauty shine through this modern adaptation. Even the Greek chorus contributes to the buy-in by enabling dozens upon dozens of children, sorted by maturity level, to represent elegantly costumed birds, monsters, villains and even the shades of the underworld.

The play, music, and lyrics were written by Cherry and choreographed by Elta Goldstein, with musical direction by Stefan Brodd and production design by Nicole DeWald. Over 100 children from the Creative Kids Camps participated in the production. The good-natured joke

made by the Cercopes, at Hercules’s expense, was recorded long ago by Apollodorus and can



Performing Arts Coordinator Chris Cherry sings as the big bad boar in the Creative Kids Camps performance, Hercules and Hippolyta.

even be found on a temple wall in Selinus.

This summer’s showings are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The final two performances are scheduled for Friday, August 9 at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.



Members of the hydra sing that "two heads are better than one" during the Creative Kids Camp show Hercules and Hippolyta.



Creative Kids Camp campers sing during their production of Hercules and Hippolyta.

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